

HOUSE BILL 729  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53,  
Chapter 8 and Title 68, Chapter 14, relative to  
food service workers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-8-111, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and by substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) All persons so employed shall procure a health certificate showing that the person is free from disease or diseases transmissible through food.

(2) In addition to persons required to procure a certificate under subdivision (1), all persons employed as food service workers who come into contact with food, including, but not limited to, cooks, food preparation workers and serving staff, shall obtain a health certificate on an annual basis from a physician or from the county health department showing that the person is free from disease or diseases transmissible through food.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-8-220, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subsection (b):

(b) Prior to beginning employment within a food service establishment and at least once each year thereafter, each employee within the food service establishment required to have a certificate by Section 53-8-111(b)(2) must obtain the required certificate. Forms for such certificates shall be designed, printed, and distributed by the commissioner acting in consultation with the commissioner of health.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-14-321, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subsection (b):

(b) Prior to beginning employment within a food service establishment and at least once each year thereafter, each employee within the food service establishment required to have a certificate by Section 53-8-111(b)(2) must obtain the required certificate. Forms for such certificates shall be designed, printed, and distributed by the commissioner acting in consultation with the commissioner of agriculture.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.